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## NOTICE OF STREAMLINED DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION GRANTED

## WC Docket No. 04-156

The application listed in this notice has been granted pursuant to the Commission's streamlined procedures for domestic section 214 transfer of control applications.<sup>1</sup> The Wireline Competition Bureau has determined that grant of this application serves the public interest.<sup>2</sup> For purposes of computation of time for filing a petition for reconsideration or application for review, or for judicial review of the Commission's decision, the date of "public notice" shall be the release date of this notice.<sup>3</sup>

 Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for Transfer of Control of Valor Telecommunications, WC Docket No. 04-156, Public Notice, DA 04-1141 (rel. April 27, 2004).

Effective Date of Grant: 5/28/04

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 63.03.

Implementation of Further Streamlining Measures for Domestic Section 214 Authorizations, CC Docket No. 01-150, Report and Order, 17 FCC Rcd 5517, 5529, para. 22 (2002) (Streamlining Order). Only one commenter, Western Wireless, filed a comment in this proceeding requesting that the Commission delay grant of the transaction until it resolves other proceedings clarifying Valor's regulatory status and the amount of universal service support funding to which the company is entitled. Western Wireless Corporation Comments at 1-3. Notably, Western Wireless does not oppose grant of the transaction. Id at 2. Applicants filed a reply comment arguing that Western Wireless' request raises issues that are not relevant to the merits of the transaction and that investors factor pending Commission proceedings when determining the proper valuation of a public offering. Valor Reply Comments at 2-5. We reject Western Wireless' request to delay grant of the transaction because Western Wireless' request is not relevant to the merits of the transfer itself, and Western Wireless has not demonstrated that delaying grant of the transaction is in the public interest.

Streamlining Order, 17 FCC Rcd at 5529, para. 22; see 47 C.F.R. § 1.4 (computation of time).